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SUBJECT: F-104 AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ONLY ONE MONTH AFTER CENTRAL  
DUTCH TRADE UNION FEDERATIONSHAD PUBLICLY REJECTED SAAB-  
SCANDIA SUGGESTION THAT THEY SUPPORT VIGGEN AS STARFIGHTER  
REPLACEMENT (REFTTEL) LARGEST MEMBER UNIONS (NVV AND NKV  
INDUSTRIAL UNIONS) CAME OUT SEPT 26 WITH CAUTIOUS PREFERENCE  
FOR VIGGEN ON GROUNDS THAT IT IS MORE "EUROPEAN" AND FEATURES  
MORE "SOCIALY-CONSCIOUS" INDUSTRIAL OFFSET PACKAGE AND  
THAT SWEDEN IS FELLOW SMALL COUNTRY WITH COMPATIBLE POLITICAL  
ORIENTATION. UNIONS EMPHASIZED THEY ARE MAKING NO JUDGMENT  
ON TECHNICAL MERITS OF CONTENDERS AND THAT THEIR VIEWS ASSUME  
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ALL CONTENDERS HAVE SAME CAPABILITIES.

2. ARIE GROENEVELT, NVV INDUSTRIAL UNION LEADER, WHO FREQUENTLY DISAGREES WITH CENTRAL LEADERSHIP, EXPRESSED SUSPICION OF "INDUSTRIAL CENTRALIZATION" OBJECTIVES OF EC BIG THREE (UK, FRG, AND FRANCE) WHICH MIGHT CAPRICIOUSLY SACRIFICE INTERESTS OF DUTCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES, AND SAID THAT BOTH US AND FRANCE PAY INADEQUATE CONSIDERATION TO SOCIAL AIMS IN SUB-CONTRACTING. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT NORTHROP WOULD BE HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH CENTRAL FEDERATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

3. NKV UNION LEADER DESCRIBED US CONTENDER OFFSET PACKAGES AS "PLAINLY DISAPPOINTING" AND ALLUDED TO TROUBLES OF SINGER NIJMEGEN PLANT (HAGUE 4793) AS EVIDENCE THAT AMERICAN INDUSTRY CANNOT BE TRUSTED.  
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4. INDUSTRIAL UNION STATEMENTS, WHICH FALL SORT OF CLEAR-CUT ENDORSEMENT OF VIGGEN, ARE UNLIKELY TO CARRY MUCH WEIGHT WITH CABINET. THEY REPRESENT JUST ONE MORE SYMPTOM OF GENERAL DISTASTE OF DUTCH LEFT FOR STARFIGHTER REPLACEMENT PROPOSAL IN GENERAL AND US SOURCING IN PARTICULAR. UNIONS DID NOT, HOWEVER, TIE IN CIA AND CHILE AS LEFT-WING POLITICIANS HAVE DONE (E.G. THE HAGUE 4762). NOTE OF CAUTION IN SUPPORTING VIGGEN MAY BE RELATED TO CHARGES IN SECOND CHAMBER THAT SAAB HAD ATTEMPTED TO "BRIBE" TWO DUTCH MP'S, WHICH CHARGES SAAB MANAGEMENT HAS PUBLICLY DENIED. (SEE HAGUE 4792)

5. AFTER THIS CABLE WRITTEN, PROTESTANT (CNV) INDUSTRIAL UNION ANNOUNCED ITS SUPPORT OF VIGGEN AS BEST CHOICE FOR NETHERLANDS. CNV, IN MAKING IT UNANIMOUS AMONG DUTCH INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, SAID ITS POSITION WAS STRICTLY RESTRICTED TO ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS.  
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